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The answer to clauses (*a*) and (*b*) is as follows :—

" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The Government have carefully considered the representations and have issued instructions that, where lands have been trespassed upon for poonam cultivation and actually been used for such cultivation for the last three or four years, efforts may be made to make them available to the peasants and the requisite permits under section 5 of the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act may be issued expeditiously. The Government have also issued directions to the Collector to consult peasants wherever possible to find out whether the demand for poonam cultivation is genuine.' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions over."

[*Note*.—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER.

MESSAGES FROM THE COUNCIL.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have to announce to the House the following messages, dated 18th May 1954, received from the Hon. Chairman, Madras Legislative Council :—

' (1) In accordance with rule 111 of the Madras Council Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Electricity Undertakings (Acquisition) Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 23 of 1954), as passed and agreed to by the Council on the 18th May 1954 without any amendment and signed by me. '

' (2) In accordance with rule 111 of the Madras Council Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Payment of Salaries and Removal of Disqualifications (Amendment) Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 24 of 1954), as passed and agreed to by the Council on the 18th May 1954 without any amendment and signed by me.'

' (3) I transmit a copy of the following motion passed to-day by the Madras Legislative Council concurring with the Madras Legislative Assembly in setting up a Joint Select Committee of both the Chambers to consider the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Amendment) Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 27 of 1954) :—

' That this House concurs in setting up a Joint Select Cnmmittee of both the Houses consisting of 23 members (15 members of the Assembly and 8 members of the Council) to consider the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Amendment) Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 27 of 1954), and that the following members of this House be selected to serve on such a Joint Select Committee :—

(1) The Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam.

(2) Sri T. G. Krishnamoorthi.

(3) Sri T. Purushothama Mudaliar.

(4) Sri C. Marudavanam Pillai.

(5) Sri T. M. Narayanaswami Pilla i.

(6) Sri M. P. Govinda Menon.

(7) Sri K. Bhashyam.

(8) Sri K. Balasubramania Iyer."

' (4) In accordance with rule 104 (1) of the Madras Council Rules, I have the honour to intimate that the amendment made by the Assembly in respect of the Courtallam Township Bill, 1954 (L.C. Bill No. 8 of 1954), was taken into consideration by the Council at its meeting held on the 18th May 1954 and that the Council has agreed to the amendment' "